

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/799,759, filed March 6, 2001, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/537,949, filed March 28, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,685,024), which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/265,163, filed March 9, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,055,687), which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/831,803, filed April 9, 1997 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/590,653, filed January 24, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,661,861), the complete disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph between lines 21 and 27 on page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

Optionally, a fabric cover may be provided over the inflated pillow body to provide an aesthetically pleasing exterior surface. The cover may be configured to be removable or may be permanently sewn about the pillow body. Examples of covers that may be used include those described in U.S. Application No. 09/802,310, filed March 8, 2001, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,453,493), the complete disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference. Further, any of the fabric shells described herein may also be used, including those with various attachment mechanisms.